

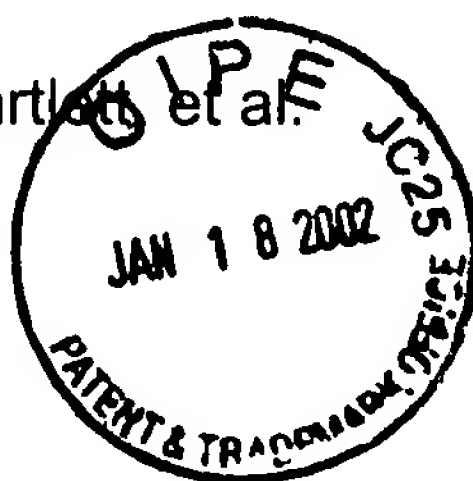
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bartlett et al.

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Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at line 20 of page 35 and insert therefor the following replacement paragraph:

The flow completion apparatus 410 preferably comprises a light-weight, non pressure-containing tree cap 458 which is installed in the tubing spool 12 above the tubing hanger 16, and an optional debris cap 460 which is installed on the tubing spool 12 above the tree cap 458. Referring to Figures 16 and 16A – 16C, the tree cap 458 is shown to comprise an annular body 462 which includes a number of radial sections that are secured together by a plurality of longitudinal bolts 464. The body 462 is preferably manufactured from a non-metallic material, such as an ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene which has a very low water

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